MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA ..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Nilamani Routray to move the motion. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Madam, this is wrong...(*Interruptions*)... It is listed in the name of Shrimati Maneka Gandhi and she alone has to move it...(*Interruptions*)...

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): What are you talking? Any Minister can do it...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: It is in the name of Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, Madam ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is not the concern of the Chair... (*Interruptions*)...Any Minister from the Ministry can do it. He is a Minister and he is a Minister in that Ministry and he can do it. Therefore, he can move it....(*Interruptions*)... Yes, Mr. Minister, you can move the Motion.

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): Madam, I beg to more the following motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may, direct, two members from among the members of the House to be members of the Animal Welfare Board of India."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

(*Interruptions*)

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No, no...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, this is wrong...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Don't do this...(*Interruptions*)... This is not proper...(*Interruptions*)... This is not proper at all...(*Interruptions*)... Many times in the past...(*Interruptions*)... this has been done. When a Minister was not there, another person had done it in the past...(*Interruptions*)... and it is absolutely in order...(*Interruptions*)... Yes, Mr. Swamy, you can make your point now...(*Interruptions*)... I have already said that it is absolutely in order...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, she has taken Parliament for a ride...(*Interruptions*). She has made a statement outside...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat...(*Interruptions*)...All of you, please take your seats...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: No, Madam. I am on a point of order ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Wait a minute...(*Interruptions*)... Listen to me first. In the past, when a Minister was not present, another Minister had laid the Papers or moved the motion. Yesterday, the Leader of the House did it...(*Interruption*)...He is a Cabinet Minister...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Routray is not only a Minister, but he is also a Cabinet Minister and that too in the same Ministry. He is a senior Minister and he is in his full right to do what he has done...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, I am on a point of order... (*Interruptions*)... You have told me this. But that is no correct...(*Interruptions*)... Madam, my point is this... (*Interruptions*)...Mrs. Maneka Gandhi is a Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment and Forests and she is not in the House just now though this motion is listed agaist her name

[Shri Suresh Kalmadi]

...(*Interruptions*)...I would like to tell you that she has made a statement outside...(*Interruptions*).. She has made a statement in the Press that she will not attend Parliament...(*Interruptions*)...This is the news...(*Interruptions*)...Whatever differences they have within the National Front Government, Madam, let them settle them outside. But the differences cannot be allowed to percolate inside the House...(*Interruptions*)...She is a responsible Minister ..(*Interruptions*) .. and even if she does not reply to questions, she is to come to the House and sit here...(*Interruptions*)... No Minister can say that he or she would not come to Parliament..(*Interruptions*)... Since she has made a statement in the Press, we would like to know whether she has resigned...(*Interruptions*)...This is a motion and it is very clearly shown against her name...(*Interruptions*)... Even if she has not been attending all these days, at least today she must attend...(*Interruptions*)...At least today she must come...(*Interruptions*). We want to know why she has not come. And the Motion also, I think, is lost.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now you have said your thing. I have a letter from Mrs. Maneka Gandhi saying... Would you like me to read it?

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Yes.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is addressed to the Chairman. It said: "As I am unable to attend the House on Tuesday, the 21st August, 1990, I have requested my senior colleague. Shri Nilamani Routray, to move the Motion for election to the Animal Welfare Board of India." (*Interruptions*) Let me please read the letter "...Listed against my name..." Now that matter is settled.
(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: She has not come back from Dehra Dun. This letter is wrong. Has she come back from Dehra Dun?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not know.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: What is the date of the letter?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: 20th August. (*Interruptions*) Just a minute. I permitted one person, not the entire House. I said...(*Interruptions*) I don't like this prompting in the House. If you have something in your own mind, you please speak. If you want any briefing, you may go out and come back. But I have read the letter to you. It is dated 20th August, 1990. That finishes the matter.

SHRI SITARAM KESRI (Bihar): Madam, the letter should be read.

सारी चिट्ठी पढ़ दीजिए ।

उप-सभापति : मैं तो पढ़ना चाह रही थी, लेकिन आप पढ़ने नहीं देते ।

If you like, I will read it again.

This is from Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, Minister of State for Environment and Forestry, Government of India, dated 20th August, 1990.

"Dear Dr. Sharma,

As I am unable to attend the House on Tuesday, the 21st August, 1990, I have requested my senior colleague. Shri Nilamani Routray to move the Motion for election to the Animal Welfare Board of India, listed against my name in the List of Business for that day.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

Sd.|-Maneka Gandhi."

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: What is the reason?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not know. It is not my concern whatever the reason is...(*Interruptions*)...It is not my concern at all whatever the reason is...(*Interruptions*)...That is none of the business of the Chair to find out the reason. You don't come one day. I do not ask you why you did not come.

AN HON. MEMBER: Madam, I know the reason.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Whatever the reason might be, you keep it to yourself. Yes, Mr. Swamy. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Madam, the Leader of the Opposition in the other House is not attending the House at all. What do you say about that? (*Interruptions*) Your Leader is not coming to the Parliament at all.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Rajiv Gandhi never left the Question Hour before 12 o'clock. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, in the last three years, this House has devoted a lot of attention and time to discussing the Bofors issue. The Prime Minister also has said that their names will be given to us within 15 days. But now many more days have elapsed. Today's 'Illustrated Weekly' directly alleges that one of the Cabinet Ministers, Mr. Arun Nehru, is involved in the Bofors deal, and the telexes have gone. We would like the Government to come forward and tell us what the truth is. There is a widespread impression in the country that Mr. Arun Nehru is the central figure in the Bofors illegal payment. We would like to know what the truth is because this House has devoted so much time to the Bofors issue and suddenly they have forgotten about Bofors. What is the compulsion by which they have suddenly forgotten about the Bofors? I would like the House to be informed and taken into confidence.

डा० अब्दुल अहमद खान: (राजस्थान) महोदया, मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have only permitted him. मैं आपका व्यवस्था का प्रश्न बाद में डील करूंगी... (व्यवधान)

Let me finish with him. The Government has heard and that matter is ended. Yes, Mr. Shah. (*Interruptions*) He has given a letter. The Chairman has permitted him.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Madam, may I proceed?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has got a problem. We have to solve the problem of a Member of Parliament. He has given a letter to that effect. I have to deal with it.

RE. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH (Maharashtra): Madam, it is a question of privilege. I have given notice of a Motion of Privilege under Rule 187.

Madam, on Friday, the 17th August, around 1 p.m., when I wanted to leave the Parliament House through Gate No. 9, a person at the gate, belonging to the Delhi Police prevented me from doing so. He did not want me even to go out from there. When I pointed out that my car was there on that side, he still insisted that I should go out through some other gate. Only when some other members of the Watch and Ward intervened I could leave. This was on Friday.

Then, on Monday, that is, yesterday, around 10-30 a.m., I was again prevented by a person belonging to Delhi Police at Gate No. 8. He also on inquiry revealed that he belonged to the Delhi Police. Again, only the intervention of the Watch and Ward enabled me to get in because the office